

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES
SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION – MAY 3, 2026

December 15, 2025	(30 days before first day to file)	Deadline to post “Notice of Deadline to File Applications for Place on the Ballot”
January 13, 2026 Wednesday	(30 th day before regular filing deadline)	First day to file an application for a place on the ballot or a declaration of write-in candidacy for School Board Trustee.
February 11, 2026	(81 st day before election day; day before 2 nd day before filing deadline)	If a candidate dies on or before this date, his or her name is not placed on the ballot.
February 13, 2026 Friday	(78th day before election)	5:00 P.M. - Deadline to file an “Application for a Place on the Ballot” for School Board Trustee.
		<u>Note to Candidate’s Application filed by Mail:</u> an application by mail is considered to be filed at the time of its receipt by the appropriate filing authority.
		* Last day to order election to be held on May 3, 2026.
February 17, 2026	(74 th day before election day)	5:00 P.M. - Deadline for write-in candidates to file “Declaration of Write-in Candidacy” for School Board Trustee.
February 19, 2026 Thursday	(72 nd day before election day)	First date to post Notice of Drawing for Place on Ballot for drawing to be conducted on Monday, February 26, 2026
February 20, 2026 Friday	(71 st day before election day)	Recommended first day that a <u>general election</u> may be cancelled <u>IF</u> all filing deadlines have passed and each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed. Trustee elections can be considered separately than propositions and special elections for cancelling.
		5:00 P.M. - Last day for a candidate to withdraw. If a candidate withdraws or is declared ineligible by this date, his or her name is omitted from the ballot.
February 23, 2026 Monday	(68 th day before election)	5:00 P.M. – Recommended date to conduct ballot position drawing in the Big Spring I.S.D. Business Office, after withdrawal deadline.
March 3, 2026	(60 th day before election)	Last day to deliver Notice of the Election to the County Clerk, Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar.
March 18, 2026 Wednesday	(45 th day before election)	Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who submitted request via FPCA or via standard application for ballot by mail and indicated that they are outside the United States.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES (continued)

April 2, 2026	(30 th day before election)	5:00 P.M. Deadline for opposed candidates to file first report of contributions and expenditures. Beginning date is the day after the last day covered by the last report OR the date of campaign treasure appointment. Ending date is the 40th day before the election, March 23rd. (Form C/OH - Texas Ethics Commission) Last day a person may register to vote or make a change of address effective for the May 3, 2026 election.
April 11, 2026	(21 st day before election)	Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of school board, at the election polling sites and on the school district's website.
April 20, 2026	(12 th day before election)	Early voting by personal appearance begins. Because Tuesday, April 21, 2026 is San Jacinto Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted on this date. A voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after Monday, April 20, 2026, may vote a late ballot if the sickness or disability prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health.
April 20, 2026	(12 th day before election)	Last day to receive applications for ballots to be voted by mail or an FPCA (Federal Postcard Application) from a registered voter.
April 22, 2026	(10 th day before election)	Last day to publish notice of election in newspaper and website.
April 24, 2026	(8 th day before election)	5:00 P.M. Deadline for opposed candidates to file second report of contributions and expenditures. Beginning date is the 39th day before the election, March 24th. Ending date is the 10th day before the election, April 22nd. (Form C/OH Texas Ethics Commission)
April 27, 2026	(5 th day before election)	Last day to publish notice of first test of automatic tabulating equipment to be held on Wednesday, April 29 th 2026 by custodian of the equipment.
April 28, 2026	(4 th day before election)	Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
April 29, 2026	(3 rd day before election)	Last day to conduct first test of the automatic tabulating equipment. First day to submit an application and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES (continued)

May 2, 2026	(Election Day)	ELECTION DAY -- Polls open at 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Sick or disabled persons may vote at the main early voting polling place if electronic voting systems are used. 5:00 P.M. Deadline for receiving applications for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Monday, April 20, 2026. 7:00 P.M. Deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail and late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Monday, April 20, 2026. The second test of the automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at the central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed.
May 5, 2026	(3rd day after election)	Earliest date for official canvass of returns by school board. <u>HOWEVER</u> , the canvass may not be conducted until the ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots AND counted all timely received mailed ballots cast from addresses within the United States, and all timely received mailed ballots cast from addresses outside the United States. Notice of canvass must be posted at least 72 hours continuously before the canvass is conducted.
May 9, 2026	(6th day after election)	Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted an FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces.
May 11, 2026	(9th day after election)	Last day for the Early Voting Ballot Board to convene to qualify and count any late domestic ballots (non-military) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 pm on election day, May 3, and were received not later than 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after election day.
		Last day for the Early Voting Ballot Board to convene to qualify and count any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States and received by Thursday, May 8, 2026.
		Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar.
May 13, 2026 (Wednesday)	(11th day after election)	Last day for official canvass of returns by school board.

March 3, 2028

(one day and 22 months
after May 2, 2026 election
day.)

Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed if no contest
or criminal investigation has arisen, and if no open records
request has been filed.